

## **Section 1 - Licensing of Growers**

A person shall not grow for sale or distribution cultivated ginseng unless licensed by the department. A grower's license shall not be issued for the collection or taking of wild ginseng for the purpose of sale or distribution.

### **1) Licensing**

Live cultivated ginseng plants or plant parts, except seeds, for propagation shall not be transported or sold without the owner obtaining a license. Each grower shall complete a **Growers and Dealers License Application** and return it to the NH Department of Agriculture Market and Foods, Plant Industry Division. Growers shall pay an annual fee of \$25 for each license year beginning on July 1 and ending on the following June 30.

### **2) Collection, Cultivation and Harvest of Cultivated Ginseng**

- (a) Prior to preparing beds for planting of ginseng, growers shall obtain a written determination from the director certifying that the area where beds are to be located is free from wild ginseng.
- (b) Growers shall keep accurate and complete records on the cultivation of ginseng including:
  - (1) Origin of seed;
  - (2) Location of beds including site maps;
  - (3) Planting dates;
  - (4) Number of pounds and ounces;
  - (5) License number; and
  - (6) Shipment number.
- (c) Planting, harvest and sales records shall be submitted annually to the department. The records shall be kept for a period of 5 years. Dealers and growers shall keep records on the **Record of Harvest and Sales form**. Hard copies are available upon request.

### **3) Submission of Cultivated Ginseng for Weighing**

- (a) After annual harvesting, a grower shall submit all cultivated ginseng in the grower's possession for weighing.
- (b) The director shall record the weight of the certified ginseng.

The cultivated ginseng submitted for weighing and all documentation shall be available for inspection by the director.

### **4) Certification of Cultivated Ginseng Intended for Sale or Distribution**

All cultivated ginseng roots intended for sale or distribution shall be certified by the department for dry weight, place of origin, year of harvest and type and condition. The department will then issue an American Ginseng State of Origin Certificate for each sales transaction or shipment, domestic or export.

### **5) Record of Sale**

A grower selling cultivated ginseng shall provide to the department a record of sale including the following:

- (a) Grower's name and address;
- (b) Grower's license number and ginseng certificate number;
- (c) Dry weight; and
- (d) Year harvested.

Planting, harvest and sales records shall be submitted annually to the department. The records shall be kept for a period of 5 years. Dealers and growers shall keep records on the Record of Harvest and Sales form (to access, click on the link in section 2c).